Cable TV trade

†2877. SHRI BANWARI LAL KANCHHAL: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether cable TV trade comes under small scale industry category;

(b) whether inclusion of cable TV under-small scale industry would be taken into consideration;

(c) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether cable TV trade has been provided 'with facility of getting loans from nationalized/private banks; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES (SHRI MAHAVIR PRASAD): (a) to (e): All the enterprises, engaged in cable TV trade, that fulfill the parameters of classification as micro, small or medium (service) enterprises under the Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises Development (MSMED)Act, 2006 are eligible for priority sector lending from public sector and private banks.

Stainless steel making and casting facility of Salem Steel Plant

2878. SHRI B.S. GNANADESIKAN: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether consulting engineers engaged in SAIL to study the techno-economic feasibility for setting up of steel making and casting facilities at Salem Steel Plant have recommended for setting up a stainless steel making and casting facility there;

(b) if so, the action taken by Government thereon; and

(c) the reasons for the delay in implementing the said recommendation inspite of assured likely return of more than 28 per cent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (DR.AKHILESH DAS): (a) Yes, Sir.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) Based on the Feasibility Report prepared by the Consultant, the expansion plan of Salem Steel Plant has been approved 'in-principle' by SAIL Board in June, 2006 at an indicative cost of Rs. 1,553 Crore. The Plan envisages installation of new steel making and continous casting facilities to produce 180,000 tonnes per annum (tpa) of stainless steel slabs and expansion of cold rolling complex to produce 146,000 tpa of cold rolled stainless steel.

(c) Does not arise in view of (b) above.

Captive iron ore mines

2879. SHRI PYARIMOHAN MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) how many public sector and private sector steel plants in the country have captive iron ore mines and the extent of mines held by them respectively alongwith the estimated deposits;

(b) the amount of iron ore and fines exported by each sector during the last five years, plant-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by Government during this period to curb the tendency of the steel plants to export valuable ores and fines from the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (DR. AKHILESH DAS): (a) The Ministry of Steel has two steel-making Public Sector Undertaking viz., Steel Authority of India Ltd. (SAIL) and Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Ltd. (RINL)A/ishakhapatnam Steel Plant (VSP) under its administrative control. SAIL has been granted iron ore teases to meet the requirement of its steel plants at Bhilai, Durgapur, Rourekela, Bokaro & Burnpur. SAIL is operating nine iron ore mines to meet the requriement of steel plants.

The State wise total iron ore deposit of SAIL, mines (Provisional) as on 1.4.2007 are as under:

Chhattisgarh

1. Rajhara Group of Mines — 32 MT
2. Dalli Group of Mines — 47 MT